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For : LOCK VALVE IN PARTICULAR FOR A STRIP PROCESSING UNIT

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Dear Sir:

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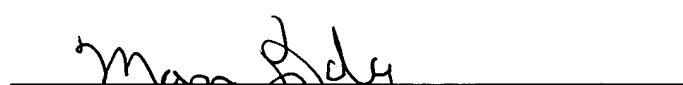
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply for this application that requires an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Any request or petition for an extension of time should be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the petition to a shorter period of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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